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SUBJ: RHODESIA: SOVIET/ CUBAN ROLE

1. FOR WHATEVER IT MAY BE WORTH, WE REPORT THAT ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS DURING PAST WEEK, DIFFERENT SOVIET MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY FORESEE NO SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE IN RHODESIA. THEY HAVE STRESSED DIFFERENCES IN SITUATION EXISTING THERE FROM THAT IN ANGOLA, INCLUDING PROSPECT OF BLACK CUBANS FIGHTING WHITES.

2. MALIAN MISOFF TELLS US THAT ONE POTENTIAL PROBLEM

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FOR SOVIETS AND CUBANS IN GUERRILLA OPERATIONS AGAINST

SMITH WOULD BE ABSENCE OF WELL ORGANIZED LOCAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENT, AS AGAINST EXAMPLE OF MPLA IN ANGOLA.
THE SOVIETS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN CONFORM THAT THIS WOULD
BE AN OBSTACLE.
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